

Attorney Docket No. 5697-39DV

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Worm *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 5474

Serial No.: 10/695,544

Group Art Unit: 1765

Filed: October 28, 2003

For: DIVIDED PRESSURE VESSEL APPARATUS FOR CARBON DIOXIDE BASED
SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Date: February 20, 2004.

Office of Patent Legal Administration
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicants hereby petition to grant the proper filing date of October 28, 2003 rather than October 29, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of October 28, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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2. A true and accurate copy of the Express Mail Receipt along with a copy of the USPS-Track & Confirm from the web page (www.usps.com), showing "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS at 5:31 p.m. on October 28, 2003; and
3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicants were improperly given the filing date of October 29, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of October 28, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicants became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the granting of October 28, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicants properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicants' belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

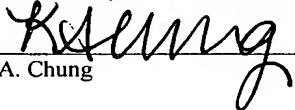


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR 1.53(b))

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 09/976,551; filed October 12, 2001, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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David E. Brainard, Knightdale, NC;

Entitled:

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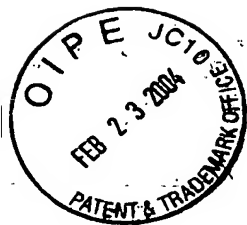
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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
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3. ☒ 8 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
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 - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
- 6.. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

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Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

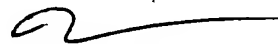
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Respectfully submitted,



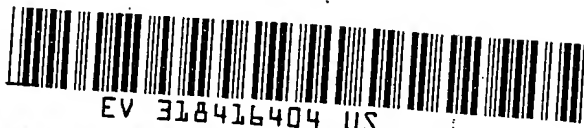
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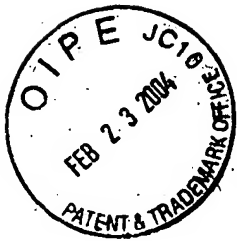
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